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## In the Claims

(Currently amended) A method of <u>operating a computing device having an operating system and providing</u> a dynamic link library for linking between <u>containing a plurality of functions accessible by an executable program, each function in the dynamic link library being associated with an ordinal number, and an executable program in a computing device; the method comprising;
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providing the dynamic link library as a first part for linking the executable program to one or more first functions; and an extension part, the first part and the extension part each containing one or more of the plurality of functions;

for-causing the executable program to link to one or more further functions in the first part directly by means of the associated ordinal numbers; and

causing the executable program to link to functions in the extension part indirectly via a further library containing [[,]] additional to the one or more first functions, via the extension part.

- (Cancelled)
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- (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the <u>further library</u> extension part is arranged to link to a plurality of the said first parts of dynamic link libraries in the computing device.
- (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein <u>read only</u> memory (ROM) code for use within the computing device is accessible only via the further <u>library</u>, the extension part is used to provide a link to read only memory (ROM) code for use within the computing device

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6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein <u>functions within</u> the extension part are [[is]] provided as [[a]] private functions.

## (Cancelled)

- (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the one or more first functions in the first part form is/are-provided-as part of [[an]] the operating system-for the computing device.
- (Previously presented) A computing device arranged to operate according to the method of claim 1.
- (Previously presented) Computer software arranged to cause a computing device to operate according to the method of claim 1.